
Subject: Re: IDL vs. PV-WAVE

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In article c6e@mozo.cc.purdue.edu, gpetty@rain.atms.purdue.edu (Grant W. Petty) writes:

> After looking around this ng, I have to admit to being put off by a
> couple of seemingly recurring complaints about IDL: (1) persistent and
> difficult-to-work-around bugs in basic plotting routines -- e.g.,
> missing grid lines, etc., and (2) the apparently steep learning curve,
> based on people's remarks about the need for expensive IDL training
> courses to learn widgets, etc.

1. There are some irritating bugs in the plotting (especially doing polar stereos...) but they are few and far between.

2. Widgets seem to be particularly complex, but you probably don't need them. As far as I can tell, they are mostly useful for polished-product programs and not so useful for research-type work.

- William

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